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AN AUTOMATIC RESPONSE TO A  
TELEPHONE CALL**

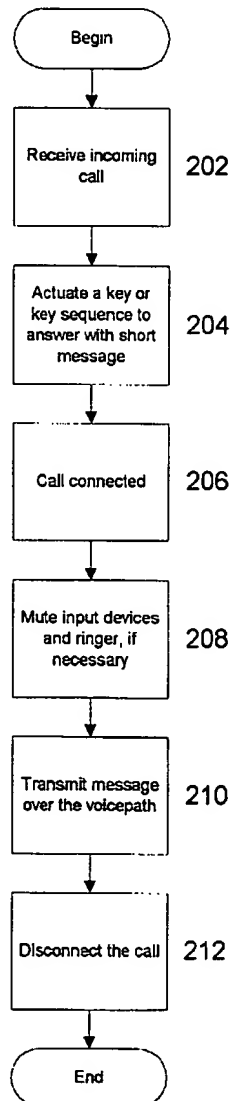
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Disclosed embodiments include a system and method for providing an automatic response to a telephone call. The automatic response module may be integral to a wireless phone or may be added afterwards, such as with a plug-in module, or may be provided by a third party provider, such as on a network. In one embodiment, the user of a wireless phone may select one or more automatic responses in the form of pre-recorded messages that will be played to a caller when an incoming telephone call is received. In another embodiment, the pre-recorded messages may be text or other graphical messages. In an alternative embodiment, a selection algorithm may be used that selects the appropriate automatic response based on pre-determined criteria, such as information in the user's calendar, contact list, etc. Many other alternatives and alternative embodiments are also disclosed.





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(54) **CORDLESS AND WIRELESS TELEPHONE  
DOCKING STATION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus and method of integrating a wireless telephone and a cordless telephone is taught. A docking station is used which receives a wireless telephone and electrically interfaces with in, including power, audio and data interfaces. A controller manages the interface to a transceiver, and speakerphone. A cordless telephone communicates with the transceiver, thereby enabling the utilization of a cordless telephone over a wireless telephone network. No wiring or installation is required, and the convenience and usability of the medium is enhanced.

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